GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Foodgrain Stocks
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the foodgrain stocks and the buffer norms in the country, grain-wise;
(b) whether the foodgrain stocks have declined and are likely to decline further due to severe drought in the country, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to ensure adequate stocks in the country;
(c) whether the Government proposes to import wheat in view of its shortage; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 16.4.2016 was 496.12 lakh tons comprising of 282.35 lakh tons of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) and 213.77 lakh tons of wheat as against the foodgrains stocking norms for Central Pool (Buffer Norms) of 210.40 lakh tons comprising of 135.80 lakh tons of rice and 74.60 lakh tons of wheat for the quarter April to June.
(b): No Madam
(c)& (d): Question does not arise in view of (b) above.
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